(a) An estimate has been prepared for development of open space near Samaj Sadan in Sector-4 DIZ Area.

(b) Schemes have not been formulated.

Road safety and srban transport

2228. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had appointed a committee on road safety and submitted its report on 31st March, 2006;

(b) whether Ministry also announced 'National Urban Transport Policy' looking into the various alternatives of public transport means;

(c) if so, whether the policy was framed after consultation with other Ministries and States including suggestions made in the committee;

(d) if so, the details of the policy; and

(e) whether Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission would encourage setting up of mass transport systems in more cities of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways have constituted, a Committee to make recommendations for setting up an effective and dedicated agency for Road Safety and Traffic Management. The Committee has been asked to submit its report by 31st October, 2006.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. It, *inter-alia,* seeks to promote integrated land use and transport planning, greater use of public transport and non-motorized modes of travel as well as use of cleaner technologies. It officers Central Government's financial support for investments in public transport infrastructure for greater use of non-motorized modes, construction of parking facilities, including demonstrative pilot projects. It encourages capacity building, innovative financial mechanisms, institutional coordination, association of the private sector and need for public awareness and cooperation.

(e) Yes, Sir.